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UNCLAS DAMASCUS 3876

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BEXP, SY
SUBJECT: PROPOSED GULF AND WESTERN IOGA TRADE MISSION

REF: STATE 141238

1. TO OUR SURPRISE, EMBASSY DAMASCUS LEARNS IT IS TO BE INCLUDED IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER GULF AND WESTERN IOGA. DEPARTMENT'S LAST WORD ON THE SUBJECT BEFORE REFTEL (STATE 49007, 3/4/77) GAVE SAUDI ARABIA, IRAQ, AND IRAN AS ITINERARY.
2. EARLIER, WE HAD INDICATED WE WOULD WELCOME G AND W FOR A SPRING IOGA MISSION (DAMASCUS 8802). OUR REPLY LISTED G AND W LINES WITH GREATEST POTENTIAL IN SYRIA, THUS SATISFYING REQUEST IN PARA 3, REFTEL.
3. A NOVEMBER 7 ARRIVAL IN DAMASCUS, HOWEVER, POSES CERTAIN PROBLEMS. FIRST, G AND W WOULD ARRIVE ON HEELS OF PROCESS CONTRLS SEMINAR MISSION, SCHEDULED FOR DAMASCUS

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OCTOBER 16-19. OUR UNDERSTAFFED ECO-CML SECTION WOULD NEED TO BUDGET HEAVY OVERTIME (CHARGEABLE TO MISSIONS) TO HANDLE TWO SUCH MISSIONS BACK-TO-BACK. SECOND, WE HAVE ALREADY INDICATED TO USDO (DAMASCUS 3672) A STRONG DESIRE TO HOST PROPOSED TEXAS IOGA, SPECIALIZING IN AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES -- A THEME WHICH, WE BELIEVE, NEATLY MATCHES SYRIA'S SOREST NEEDS.

ROUGH TIME FRAME FOR TEXAS: OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1977.

5. IF TEXAS MISSION INCLUDES SYRIA -- AND WE WANT IT BADLY -- WE CANNOT POSSIBLY RECEIVE GULF AND WESTERN AS A MISSION. HOWEVER, FI SELECTED MISSION MEMBERS WISH TO VISIT SYRIA, INDIVIDUALLY OR IN A GROUP, WE WILL EXTEND FULL COOPERATION IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

6. IF TEXAS MISSION DOES NOT COME OFF, OR IF IT CHOOSES TO BY PASS DAMASCUS, WE WILL HOST G AND W IOGA ON DATES INDICATED (REFTEL GARBLED ON RECEIPT: ETA OF NOV 7 CLEAR, BUT ETD NOT GIVEN).

7. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP TEXAS AND G AND W SITUATION.
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